

Otherwise: adverb and conjunction

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«Otherwise» is an adverb and conjunction. It can mean “si no”, “de otra manera”, “de lo contrario” and “aparte de eso”.

Let’s examine some examples.

- We should leave now. Otherwise, we will be late (... si no, vamos a llegar tarde).

In the same context you could say... “if not, we will be late”.

- I have to put on my hat. Otherwise, I am ready to go out (...aparte de eso, estoy listo para salir).
- Apart from one point Ricardo’s thesis is, otherwise, a great piece of work (aparte de eso.....es un trabajo excelente).
- Mr. Podemos would do it by any means, legal or otherwise (...lo haría por todos los medios, legales o no).
- How can it be otherwise? ¿Cómo no va a ser así?

Please observe the use of the comma. At the beginning of a sentence a comma should follow. Otherwise, In the middle of the sentence: a comma, otherwise.